

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: January 24, 2012

Type of Meeting: Regular Meeting & Work Session

Place of Meeting: Middle School Auditorium

Members Present: President Dennis Ryan
Vice President Roy Lester
Board Member Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Gina Guma
Board Member Darlene Tangney

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. David Weiss, Superintendent
Dr. Randie Berger, Deputy Superintendent
Mr. Michael DeVito, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Carole Butler, District Clerk

I. Call to Order/Pledge/Opening Remarks – President Ryan

President Ryan called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM, led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance and explained that specific personnel matters required a short regular meeting.

Call to Order

II. Public Comment on Tonight’s Agenda Only

None.

**Public Comment on
Tonight’s Agenda Only**

III. Presentations of the Superintendent:

III.1 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL MATTERS: CERTIFICATED.

President Ryan called for a motion.
Motion by: Board Member Guma
Seconded by: Vice President Lester
Approved: 5-0

**Approval of Personnel
Matters: Certificated
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Supt. Weiss and President Ryan acknowledged and thanked the retirees.

Announcement

Steve Freeman – President, CTA – congratulations to retirees, 14 teacher retirements; end of year celebration and retirement party on Wednesday, May 30th at Temple Avodah; keep Cathy Rooney, still in a coma, in your hearts: NYSED picketing announcement.

**III.2 Superintendent Weiss recommended the APPROVAL OF
PERSONNEL MATTERS: NON-CERTIFICATED.**

President Ryan called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Guma

Seconded by: President Ryan

Approved: 5-0

**Personnel Matters:
Non-Certificated
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RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the following personnel actions.

III.1 CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations for the Purpose of Retirement

1. Name: Susan Feld
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/Long Beach Catholic School
Effective Date: June 30, 2012 close of day
2. Name: Leslie Gilbert
Assign./Loc: Mathematics Teacher/high school
Effective Date: June 30, 2012 close of day
3. Name: Anne S. Gubenko
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/West School
Effective Date: June 30, 2012 close of day
4. Name: Marjorie Jacobs
Assign./Loc: Special Education Teacher/high school
Effective Date: June 30, 2012 close of day
5. Name: Reginald Mines
Assign./Loc: Elementary Teacher/East School
Effective Date: June 30, 2012 close of day

(b) Amended Leave of Absence: Personal

Name: Margaret Laurino
Assign./Loc: Part Time Teacher Assistant/West School
Effective Dates: February 1, 2012-April 30, 2012
Original Dates: November 11, 2011-January 31, 2012
Reason: Medical

III.2 NON CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

(a) Resignations

1. Name: Pamela Griffin
Assign./Loc: Regular Substitute School Nurse/Lindell School
Effective Date: January 10, 2012

2. Name: Florence Taylor
Assign./Loc: Part Time Building Aide/High School
Effective Date: January 17, 2012 close of day

IV. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 7:37 PM.

Motion by: Vice President Lester

Seconded by: Board Member Guma

Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

PART II. WORK SESSION

V. Dr. Ryan called for a motion to open work session at 7:38 PM.

Motion by: Board Member Tangney

Seconded by: Board Member Guma

Approved: 5-0

**Call to Order – Work
Session begins**

VI. Discussion of Work Session Topic:

Public Use of School Facilities Policy

**Work Session Topic:
Public Use of School
Facilities**

- Supt. Weiss explained that the purpose of the work session was to look at the revised Public Use of School Facilities policy. First reading should be on February 14, 2012 agenda; 2nd reading in March; and adoption in April. This review was necessitated by the impact of the rebuilt fields and spaces on the community. The District held two World Café forums inviting persons completing request of use of facilities forms and other interested parties. Comments were compiled and compared to the draft which required some revisions but confirmed previous decisions. Policy addresses sensitivity to needs of neighbors, tax revenue cap, sound system and lights.
- COO DeVito discussed height of lights (70 ft); tested bells, PA system at HS and at MS field, which were within code requirements, and settings for sound of PA system.

Comments and Questions from the Board

- Dr. Ryan thanked Supt. for public forums at library, Mr. DeVito for patience, Mr. Trepp for library and everyone for their input, offered this last opportunity for the community to speak on this and expressed his belief that the policy is a fair compilation of opinions expressed.
- Vice President Lester asked specifically about Item #4, to which we will add “groups” and expressed disappointment with #3, which ends the use of facilities for camps and students the third week of August rather than later in the summer.
- Supt. Weiss and COO DeVito detailed the needs of the staff to prepare for the upcoming school year at the end of the summer, but agreed to investigate camp needs.
- Board Member Gallagher asked for an explanation of the fee schedule.
- Supt. Weiss and COO DeVito explained that fees are to cover expenses and not to generate revenue.

Comments and Questions from the Board (continued)

- Board Member Gallagher requested meeting with involved parties to notify them of changes, questioned the process of prioritizing requests, and cost of lighting, and expressed approval that only school District personnel would be regulating the scoreboard, press box and lights.

Public Comment on Use of Facilities Policy

VII. Public Comment on Public Use of Facilities Policy

- Lisa Schwartz – 278 Blackheath Road – asked about admission fees, other fees; lights, decibels, responsibility for off-property damages to neighboring houses, and for a schedule of upcoming events/intention to publicize. **Response:** Supt. Weiss will consider posting a schedule; reiterated no real changes expected in requests for use of fields; stated that all major events will be held at the MS; added clean up to requirements; concession stands are legal. Mr. DeVito explained that lights meet code requirements; only trained District personnel will run lights; will practice good neighbor policy.
- Paul Fisher – 132 Blackheath Road – considered 9:30 PM too late for cutoff of lights, concerned about clean-up and consumption of alcohol. **Response:** Supt. Weiss did not expect quality of life issues to be any different; focusing on restoring student pride and responsibility; 9:30 is necessary for MS lights; sound and lights go together.
- Felicia Solomon – 269 Blackheath Road – detailed disapproval of field expenses in the current economic climate.
- Stewart Mininsky – 165 Washington Blvd – expressed concerns about fee schedule not covering all expenses to the District. **Response:** COO DeVito explained the derivation of the fees and conceded that they were based on salaries and may not include benefits.
- Jeanine Sofield – 525 West Chester Street – asked if the community could use the fields before 6 PM, billing issues, and if there could be an on-line system for scheduling. **Response:** Supt. Weiss emphasized that the District wants to work with groups, is only passing on actual additional costs, and the importance of keeping children engaged. Board Member Gallagher discussed reservations, actual use of space, with violators being held accountable. Dr. Ryan noted some groups overbook and then do not use the space; asked for more diligence.
- Ron Friedl – 317 Blackheath Road – asked about rates of fees, deposits should be required, damages, 5 sets of lights at the HS field compared to the 4 at MS, disagreed with comparison to Hewlett HS, and supported including the cost of benefits in fee schedule. **Response:** Supt. Weiss explained that Hewlett HS was used as a comparison because of adjustable lights. Mr. DeVito explained the derivation of the hourly cost of the lights. Bob Firneis discussed the need for additional lights at HS because of the lower height of the lights at the HS.

Public Comment on Public Use of Facilities Policy (continued)

- Gerri Maquet – 523 E. State St. and Jackie Miller – 73 Buffalo Ave – CCPTA Co-Presidents wanted clarification that PTA still had priority over other groups and would not incur fees; enjoyed the forums and appreciates the work session on the topic; parents and students are orderly; garbage pails needed in bathrooms. Also congratulated retirees.
- Ron Levin- 184 Greenway Road – asked about confidence in financing given the poor rating of the City of Long Beach, fees to increase revenue, the use of facilities by the Hagen School of Dance and how aid is received. **Response:** Dr. Ryan noted that the District received monies from the Hagen School of Dance which is culturally based and supports local children. Mr. DeVito was confident that as long as the project was approved, we would receive state aid. We are rated AA2on our statements, not the City of Long Beach; and are property value and income based.
- Joey Naham – 355 Blackheath Road – asked about #4 -use of fields for emergency use.
- Greg Naham – 355 Blackheath Road – asked about decibels, current fees, outsiders causing damages, lights, and debt service; voiced concerns over cost to fixed income community members. Presented Executive Summary, original site plan, which had no mention of lights or sound system. **Response:** Supt. Weiss noted a history of cooperation with outside sports teams; want to have activities; quality of life; operating budget is below the rate of inflation. COO DeVito detailed the testing of the decibel levels at the HS and MS which range from 65 – 85, below the code for good neighbors. Lights have not been excessive at MS. There was no consensus on lights; daylight use is 9:30 PM. Supt. Weiss noted that no games start after 8 PM and that there would be no added expense to the community.
- Darlene Haut – 205 Blackheath Road – President, Lido Home Civic Association – appreciates the open dialogue, asked about Press Box at HS field, thought sound system should be adjusted for nighttime; 9:30 PM too late; concerned about use by summer camps; limit event size because of parking issues; ongoing maintenance costs; pride not based on beautiful field; fiscal pressure; doubts need for lights and sound system. **Response:** Supt. Weiss explained that Public Use of School Facility Policy included all facilities, not just HS field; Press Box is at MS; not adding camps; will be sensitive to neighbors; savings derived from cost of lining, watering, grass and energy. COO DeVito stated that the turf field at MS is cheaper than previous field because of seeding, lining, grass cutting, labor and materials. Board Member Gallagher explained the different lives of fields (12-30 years).
- Baylor Goodman – 10 Franklin Blvd – offered to answer any questions regarding present use of facilities.

VIII. Board of Education Comments

None

Board of Education Comments
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IX. President Ryan called for a motion to adjourn at 9:18 PM.

Motion by: Vice President Lester

Seconded by: Board Member Gallagher

Approved: 5-0

Adjournment

Minutes Submitted by:

Carole Butler, District Clerk
February 14, 2012